

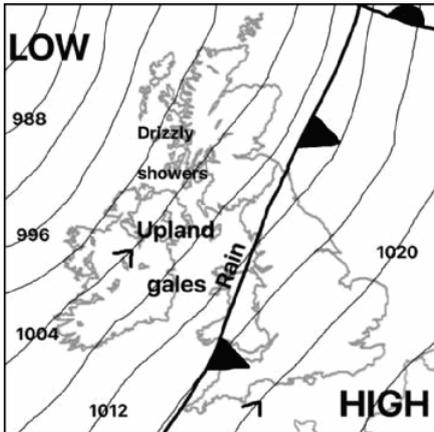
Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Cairngorms National Park and Monadhliath. Also includes the Ben Alder area hills between Loch Ericht and Loch Laggan.



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General Summary for Tuesday, 17 April, 2018



British Mountain Summary:
Based on forecast chart for noon 17 April, 2018

A windy day across all areas with widespread upland southerly gales. A cold front, and its associated rain, will edge southeastwards; becoming slow-moving across England and Wales into the afternoon. Drizzly showers will follow across Scotland; these mainly in the west and southwest where hill fog will remain fairly extensive.

Headline for Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath

Windy with upland gales. Rain easing away into the afternoon.

Detailed Forecast for Tuesday, 17 April, 2018

How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly in the range 45 to 65mph, generally strongest west coastal mountains.
Effect of wind on you?	Walking widely difficult or very difficult where exposed on higher areas. Some strong gusts running downslope locally to reach lower slopes. Significant wind chill.
How wet?	A little rain, mostly south Rain on and off southern Cairngorms NP and particularly Ben Alder, but fading into afternoon. Toward N Cairngorms and Deeside amounting to very little. Burn levels rising, run-off augmented by snow melt.
Cloud on the hills?	Breaks most widely N Cairngorms Fog mostly confined higher areas in morning, particularly from Ben Alder east to southern Cairngorms NP, here cloud base around 600-700m. Breaks to 1000m or higher Monadhliath, N Cairngorms and Deeside; perhaps clearing completely by afternoon.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	30% lifting to 70% afternoon.
Sunshine and air clarity?	Pockets of sunshine here and there lower slopes Cairngorms/Deeside. Slight haze, but in northern areas visibility very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5C
Freezing Level	Above the summits

Cairngorms NP and Monadhliath - Looking Ahead

	Wednesday 18 April	Thursday 19 April
How windy? (On the Munros)	Southerly, 20 to 30 perhaps 35mph.	Southwest in the range 15-25mph, but perhaps 35mph for a few hours around dawn.
Effect of wind on you?	Fairly small, but possible buffeting some high tops, and locally gusty through passes.	May impede walking across higher areas, mainly around dawn.
How wet?	Rain unlikely	No precipitation expected
Cloud on the hills?	Mostly very little Patches of cloud may come and go on higher areas, locally forming to lower slopes in southern Cairngorms in morning, but should break up through day.	Soon very little A few patches of cloud from dawn will soon break up and clear to leave the hills clear for much of the day.
Chance of cloud free Munros?	70%	70%
Sunshine and air clarity?	Hazy sunshine developing; most frequent northern Cairngorms. Visibility mostly very good.	Sunshine increasingly breaking through. Visibility generally good or very good.
How Cold? (at 900m)	5 rising to 8C.	7 or 8C
Freezing Level	Above the summits	Above the tops

Planning Outlook**All mountain areas of Britain from Wednesday, 18 April, 2018**

Southerly winds throughout the week, initially gale force on many mountains. A front moves in from the Atlantic to bring a period of rain on Tuesday, but this will fade. A legacy of low cloud may plague coastal hills in the west, otherwise an increasingly warm and sunny picture will develop by midweek. Although foggy at times across western coastal areas. High pressure should remain broadly in charge into the weekend, although some heavy showers may arrive by Sunday. Considerable snowmelt Scottish Highlands (albeit snow cover still extensive in many areas next weekend).

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